



**WARDEN MESSAGE**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**United States Embassy, Athens, Greece**

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The United States Embassy wishes to alert American citizens in Greece of the potential for large demonstrations throughout Greece on Wednesday, November 17.

Demonstrations are expected to take place in Athens in the afternoon and evening, starting at the Polytechnic Institute and marching to the U.S. Embassy. There will also be demonstrations in Thessaloniki in the area of the U.S. Consulate General. American citizens should avoid these areas at these times. While the primary focus of demonstrations is likely to be the Embassy and Consulate General, we cannot exclude the possibility that other American interests may also be targeted.

We wish to remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. Traffic and public transportation in the vicinity of demonstrations are likely to be adversely affected. American citizens in Greece should monitor the local news.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Cautions, Public Announcements, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-317-472-2328. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

For up-to-date information on current security conditions, Americans may also contact the U.S. Embassy in Athens or Consulate General in Thessaloniki at the numbers below. Please pass this information to other Americans.

U.S. Embassy  
American Citizens Services Section  
Tel: (210) 720-2418, 720-2419, 720-2420  
Fax: (210) 725-3025

American Consulate General Thessaloniki  
Tel: 2310-242-905/6/7, ext. 104 or 0

Finally, in the case of an emergency when the Embassy or Consulate General is closed, an American in Greece can call 210-729-4444, and ask to speak to a consular officer concerning that emergency.

American Embassy  
Consular Section  
Athens Greece